

FARM FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

Broken Glass in Grain Act of Poor Citizenship

The recent incident of ground glass being discovered in shipments of Canadian grain to Russia is one that should be a cause for concern for all Canadians. Whether it was by accident or by design, there are certainly criminal aspects involved.

ACROSS THE ISLAND

Tunnel Promotion and Priority is Declared

By NEIL A. MATHESON Provincial-Farm Editor

THE ANNOUNCEMENT this week that approximately two miles of the planned link between this province and New Brunswick will be a specific item of a great deal of interest to this year on the vigorous effort made to have a tunnel built between Cape Traverse and the Tormentine Mountains.

My old friend Charles S. MacDonald who lives now in Kilmuir, the address is St. George's Road post office—assured me that the error of this province, had been the most powerful advocate of that indicated my friend's estimate.

Alma Bruce, Trench, made available to me—Mrs. Edith Edgerly gave me the letters. Senator Howland wrote her father, F.J. Boute, who with his father, Gilbert Boute, was the publisher of the "Impartial", the only French newspaper in the province and he published it for 22 years.

THE LETTERS were written on stationery with the letter-head "The Northern Belle", Street "Tunnel Highway Cemetery" and other addresses included R.H. Bell, W.H. Hall, Edward T. Dyer and Hon. P. B. Jones. (no addresses are given).

Senator Howland told Mr. Boute that he had been at "The Cluses" with the engineer for the past few weeks, beside the Strait where 1,500 feet from Cape Traverse to the Tormentine Mountains. In the letter which was dated September 24, 1885 he told his friend:

"We have bored down 20 feet and found at the outset six feet of mud and sand, and 14 feet pure brick clay with decreasing mud as we proceed, until four miles out, there is only one foot.

"THE DEEPEST water is about 82 feet and the bottom is entirely free from rock until you strike the Jurmainian and Tormentine reefs which are like a horse's back, and on either side of them we found a continuation of brick clay to the shore."

"The bottom over which we have surveyed lines, is like an ordinary flat ashore sloping gradually from the island to the middle of the strait and rising gradually to the New Brunswick Shore."

"The P.E.I. Railway now runs to Cape Traverse daily and the Sackville and P.E.I. Railway runs to the town here, we have New Brunswick service. If this short link were supplied, we could have swift communication East and West."

That concludes the letters on the tunnel in Senator Howland's letter but there are several interesting observations I will present below.

HE INTERPRETS the French word Cape Traverse as the "crossing cone" and surmises, although he "can't find such a word as 'Jurmainian' in most of the books for which he has been consulting." Then Senator Howland puts the two together and sees "daily crossing", the dream for which he has been fighting.

I was also shown an old post card which had been mailed to A.J. MacNaught in 1901. It was an important publicity card of the tunnel project. The card was made so by holding it to a strong light and verses were read. It discussed briefly the difficulty of Strait crossing, then added:

Hold 'em to the line, no discouraged, dependent or blue, Hold 'em to the line, no discouraged, dependent or blue."

No Need For Further Delay

WRITING ON the card advised there was no need for further delay in printing and distributing circulars and ended "all will be confirmed and enough has now been done."

So much for the interesting correspondence of Howland and Burke. I want to give you some of the information made available by Mr. MacDonald in his letter to me.

"There were other Islanders who favored the tunnel project, but none caught the public ear so effectively. Senator Howland's voice was the most powerful and he had very little attention was paid to most of the other advocates, because they were far behind him in driving power," my friend writes.

Mr. MacDonald recalls that the first lead of excitement had been stirred up by the Senator as far back as 1879 or 1880, and that recalls that very little had actually been done about the tunnel, though it was the subject of many resolutions passed in various assemblies.

MR. MACDONALD told me that he had interviewed Hon. George V. Foster on the tunnel question for The Guardian in the late fall of 1961 or January 1962. Mr. MacDonald comprised the main part of the Guardian which was edited then by Benjamin Higgs.

Foster was one of Canada's most distinguished financial ministers. Mr. MacDonald recalls and served many years in the cabinet. He told Mr. MacDonald that Canada was bound by the terms of the 1871 treaty, the re-education of the British colonies. He told Mr. MacDonald that Canada was bound by the terms of the 1871 treaty, the re-education of the British colonies.

I seriously mentioned the slicing suggestion when an Ottawa story reported it several weeks ago, on the grounds that present federal members from the Island would offer strenuous objections, but Watson assured me that the changes will be recommended by independent people, and they will have to be by the members. So it will be interesting to watch developments.

The problem of Queens—and it has been a problem for these many years—has often been discussed, but nothing was ever done about it, because the partisan views that went to Ottawa never presented any clear picture.

I'm wondering right now how the people responsible for the planning can hope to get an impartial committee to do the job. Some of the suggestions of the committee of the Superior Court Judges might do the job on P.E.I., and I believe that would be possible, if the federal government requested them to do so, though possibly the judges would completely remove from anything that has any relation to political developments, even voting.

meeting is now planned for Wednesday, Dec. 8 at 8 p.m. in the high school at Hunter River. The president, Fenton Mayne of Grand Falls and his board of directors will be looking forward to good attendance at this meeting.

Attendance at the federation meetings in Summerside and Gardigon was not large, but the people that were there were leaders and gave evidence of responsible interest.

This year has shown quite an encouraging increase in federation membership throughout the province. This sort of support makes the federation financially possible and is absolutely necessary. However, what would serve to give the organization added prestige would be public demonstrations in interest in the way of good attendance at meetings. True the federation is not quite as tangible and direct a group nor does it have the special attraction that a breed organization meeting may have for the members.

A community meeting is usually a much more direct and uncomplicated gathering than is a Federation meeting which is attempting to deal with the broad problems and general interest in the culture of the province.

From now until the last of January is going to be a very busy period in the field of agricultural matters.

Will be held in the annual of the Queens County Federation stowed out last Tuesday evening. The week of Dec. 10 the executive of the Dairy & Food Service Bureau meets in Toronto and on Friday of that week a special meeting of a trade conference in Ottawa.

The following week the Dominion of Agriculture and the other trades take place. Sandwiched among all these are a meeting of the Dairy Bureau and the National Association of the Federation of Agriculture, of the provincial planning committee, and we almost overlooked it the annual meeting of the B of E & C.

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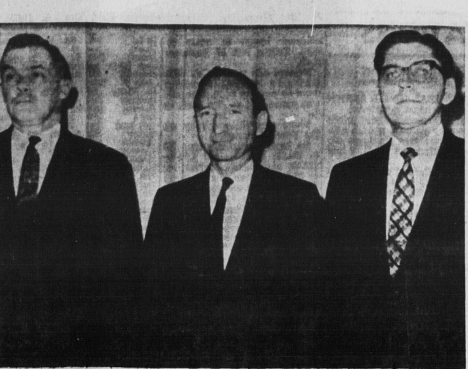
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AT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL OPENING

A large number of guests including Premier Walter R. Shaw and members of his cabinet plus other dignitaries, attended the official opening of the Prince County Vocational School, Tuesday night.

Dr. L.G. Dewar (center) provincial minister of education chats with Cameron MacDonald (left) principal of the school and Roy Boudes (right), chairman of the vocational school board.

Pope decrees Greatest Reform For RC Church in 700 Years

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Paul VI has decreed Roman Catholicism's greatest reform in worship in 1,700 years and told his bishops they must assume a greater share in church government.

The steps were strides on the path to Christian unity and Roman Catholic reform, a path charted by Pope John XXIII.

In a three-hour session on Dec. 6, the pope said that the changes in centuries-old traditions and practices.

They included, at a time of speaking times, gaveling ringing bishops into silence and ordering votes to break time-consuming deadlocks. The system worked.

In terms of specific business, the council's second phase produced far more than the opening session under Pope John.

It drew up the decree, now promulgated by Pope Paul, the bishops to clarify their role in church government put him on the side of progressive prelates advocating such a reform in the interest of Christian unity.

His announcement about the council's second phase was more than just a travel plan. Implicit in it was a basic decision to promote a relatively new policy of openness and dialogue with the Roman Catholic church, whose pontiffs have spent most of this century as voluntary prisoners in the Vatican.

The white-robed council prelates, including patriarchs, archbishops and bishops from the Middle East, cheered each other as they could cause trouble for Catholics in Arab countries. And some conservatives saw the declaration on religious freedom as potentially dangerous.

Pope Paul was petitioned on the most deeply controversial issue of the entire council up to now—the concept of papal authority shared with the church's bishops around the world.

A majority of the 2,300 council fathers expressed approval of the idea, but staunch conservatives opposed it.

The day before the session ended the pontiff issued a personal decree easing Vatican government red tape for his bishops.

This was considered just a limited step toward sharing episcopal authority intended to encourage the view that Pope Paul might be softening his earlier hard-driving methods.

It issued a decree on the worship, or liturgy reform, was the most profound change in Roman rite liturgy since Latin replaced Greek in the Western part of the church 17 centuries ago.

Main provisions of the reform allow replacement of Latin with modern languages in the sacraments and the mass.

The session also completed debate on two topics, dealing with the nature of the church and the work of bishops and diocesan government, and the first three chapters of a five-chapter document on Christian unity.

Prelates debated several topics in the first council session, but completed action on none. However, the second session benefited from a nine-month recess while the 70 original topics prepared for the council were boiled down to 37.

Although it completed work on two topics, the second session left a feeling in some quarters that the council was still moving a bit slowly. Many bishops said they would prefer not to drag the council out past a third session.

Major pieces of business left hanging included two chapters on the topic, or schema, on Christian unity. One chapter is designed to remove anti-Semitism from Christian minds.

Members of the Malpique group conducted the closing worship.

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Whoopers Seen On Increase

REGINA (CP) — Whooping cranes appear to be on the increase once more, says Fred Bard, director of the Saskatchewan Museum of Natural History.

Mr. Bard said he has latest reports received by the museum indicate a few young birds arrived at a game refuge near Arkansas, Tex., the birds' wintering grounds.

He also said two adults appear to be missing from the flock, which now totals 33 birds—along with seven birds in captivity the last known whoopers.

In the spring of 1962, 38 birds flew north from Texas to north.

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